

REMARKS

Claims 38-82 are pending in the application upon entry of this amendment. Claims 46 and 50 have been amended herein to change their dependency. Also, claims 25-37 have been canceled. Favorable consideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

I. RENUMBERING OF THE CLAIMS

In submitting a preliminary amendment with the application, applicants inadvertently numbered the added claims as claims 25-69. Such numbering of the claims failed to take into account the Article 34 which had previously been submitted in the international phase.

The Examiner identifies claims 25-82 as being subject to an election requirement. Thus, it appears the Examiner already has recognized the misnumbering in the preliminary amendment in view of the original claims and claims submitted in the Article 34 Amendment. Applicants therefore assume the Examiner has already renumbered claims 25-69 submitted in the preliminary amendment as claims 38-82, respectively, together with the corresponding changes to their dependencies.

II. ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Claims 38-82 are subject to an election requirement.

Applicants hereby elect Species D relating to a hybrid aligned nematic (HAN) cell and a front color-filter substrate. However, applicants note that the elected species D corresponds to Fig. 12 in the application, rather than Figs. 8-9. Examination in relation to Species D and Fig. 12 is respectfully requested.

Claims 51-59, 61, 63, 66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78 and 80-82 are considered readable on the elected species. Independent claim 51 is considered generic to one or more of the non-elected species.

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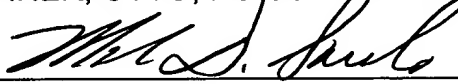
The above election is made without traverse with the exception of Species D relating to Fig. 12 rather than Figs. 8-9. Substantive examination is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Should a petition for an extension of time be necessary for the timely reply to the outstanding Office Action (or if such a petition has been made and an additional extension is necessary), petition is hereby made and the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees (including additional claim fees) to Deposit Account No. 18-0988.

Respectfully submitted,

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